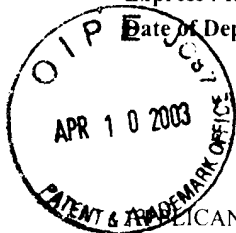


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- ☒ Response and Amendment (4 pages); and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

This filing is in response to the final Office Action mailed February 10, 2003. Applicants believe no additional fee is due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-577A CIP3 (CURA-77A CIP3).

Respectfully submitted,

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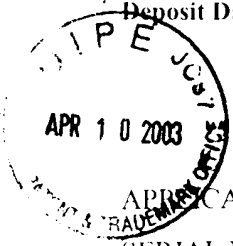


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